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AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS' SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES  
AND DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR CERTAIN FORMER ARMED  
FORCES RESERVISTS.

## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Revenue Gain	Less than 90,000	Less than 120,000

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill makes former reservists and surviving spouses eligible for a veteran license plate from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). It is unknown how many former reservists and surviving spouses live in Connecticut but, based on nationwide population data from the Department of Defense (DOD), current reservists make up less than 45% of the overall military population.<sup>1</sup> Assuming a similar trend applies in the veteran and former reservist population in Connecticut, and former reservists opt for the veterans plate at the same rate as veterans do, then this provision is expected to result in Special Transportation Fund revenue gain of less than \$90,000 in FY 24 and less than \$120,000 in FY 25 from plate fees.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> According to DOD's 2021 military demographics profile there are 1,017,495 Military Service members in the Ready Reserve compared to 1,335,848 Active Duty members.

<sup>2</sup> Under the bill, former reservists and surviving spouses would pay the same fee (currently \$27.50) that veterans pay for veteran plates.

The bill also makes former reservists eligible for a veteran designation on driver's licenses issued by DMV. There is no impact associated with making former reservists eligible for a veteran designation on driver's licenses issued by DMV, as there is no additional fee to the reservists or cost to DMV for this designation.

***The Out Years***

The out year revenue gain would gradually decline following initial take-up of the veteran status plates by eligible reservists. There is no additional fee for renewing plates.